

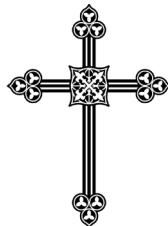
ALL SAINTS' DAY

November 1, 2020



OUR MISSION

To bring by the power of the Holy Spirit as many people as possible to know, love, and serve God as revealed through Jesus Christ; and to be transformed into spiritually renewed disciples of Jesus who know, love and serve one another and the world.



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FROM THE RECTOR

IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD,
JESUS CHRIST, WELCOME.

Jesus' first words to His earliest disciples were very simple, *"Come, follow Me..."* (Matthew 4:19) It was a gentle invitation to take seriously the wonderful journey of faith found in Christ. For more than 2,000 years, people of all ages have responded to that invitation through a personal decision to follow Jesus Christ in a community of prayer, study and service. St. Martin's is just such a place.

St. Martin's is a member Church in the Diocese of Texas, The Episcopal Church in the United States of America and the greater worldwide Anglican Communion consisting of more than 77 million people. Our Parish Church considers it a tremendous honor to be a place where men, women, youth and children can grow in their personal relationship with our Lord, come to know and use their own spiritual gifts, and discover a personal ministry to be expressed both in the Church, the greater Houston area and beyond.

I want to personally invite you to participate in our worship services and as many of our activities and ministries as your own commitments and time will allow.



The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr., Rector

Prayers Before Worship

O Lord, we thank You that You have called us as members of Your family into this beautiful house of God. Grant that here we may feel Your presence and the beauty of Your peace, and that, as we return to our homes and work, we may sense Your guiding hand and loving care and be used in the service of our neighbors, our nation and the world, and all You send our way, through Him Who came not to condemn the world but to save it, Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your provision for our church family, especially the resources we need to expand and develop our church campus in order to further the work of Your Gospel in this place. Give us strength and grace as the construction takes place, that it would go as You will, for Your purposes and Your kingdom. Bless and keep safe all those who labor on our behalf. All this we ask through the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***



Frequently Asked Questions

How do I register for the next in-person service?

Register online at bit.ly/smecworshipsvp or call 713-621-3040 to save a seat by phone. Registration opens at 9 a.m. on Monday for all in-person services during the same week and closes at noon on Friday for the following Sunday's services.

I registered, but my plans changed and I cannot attend. What should I do?

If your plans change, you can cancel your reservation by clicking the cancel button on your confirmation email. This will open a seat for another Parishioner. If the number of people in your party changes, please call Beth Ollenburger at 713-830-4146.

Will I have reserved seats?

Yes! In order to maximize the number of people that can attend each service and to abide by the Diocesan and CDC six-foot, social-distancing requirements, we will assign seats and pews will be labeled accordingly. To sit with family or friends, please make one reservation for the group, rather than separate reservations for individuals. Separate reservations will be socially-distanced.

Will valet parking be available?

While we will not have valet parking at this time, family members may drop others off under the porte cochères.

Are services available online?

Yes, we will continue to live stream our service on YouTube and Facebook.

Will I be able to use the Bibles and/or Books of Common Prayer that are in the pew racks?

No. We have removed all materials including hymnals and Books of Common Prayer for your safety. All of the service information will be in the bulletin. You are also welcome to bring a personal copy from home.

What time should I arrive for the service?

Doors to The Church will open 30 minutes before the service starts. You must be in your seats five minutes before the service start time. We recommend you come when the doors open because with our new procedure of having helpers seat you, it may take longer than usual to get everyone situated.

What if I am late to the service?

Doors to The Church will close five minutes before the service starts. We will continue to live stream our service and that requires that we keep to an exact schedule. We appreciate your understanding and assistance in keeping things on schedule.

Now that we have reopened for worship, has St. Martin's campus also reopened?

Essential staff continue to work on campus as needed, but campus in general remains closed. St. Martin's Gift Shoppe, however, is open for limited hours until Sunday, Nov. 22: 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Monday–Thursday and 9 a.m.–noon Sunday.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARTIN'S

NOVEMBER 1–7

ADULTS

SUNDAY, NOV. 1

Basic Bible Study with the Rev. Dr. Suse E. McBay

“The Ten Commandments as Jesus Taught Them”

Distributed in the morning via email with links to Facebook and YouTube



What do Christians do? Have you ever realized that the Ten Commandments are important for us as people of the New Testament? But how do they impact discipleship? Jesus spent a lot of time instructing his disciples and a lot of this was based on these famous commands God gave Moses. This series will look at how the Ten Commandments as fulfilled and expanded through Jesus teaching and so give us a clear vision for how Jesus calls us to live our lives.

Family Life Class with the Rev. Chad T. Martin

“Alpha for Families”

Distributed in the morning via email with links to Facebook and YouTube



How do we get talking about big questions of faith within our families? Have you ever thought about why we are here? Why do we pray? What about the Spirit? And how do we discuss these things with our middle schoolers or teens? This fall we're going to be doing the Alpha Course which looks at some of these big faith questions. Each week, we'll have a different topic covered by a different cleric with questions you can discuss within your families. This series will ground in the basics of the Christian faith and open up conversation within your home.

Seekers

Seekers will be joining Basic Bible Study this fall.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 4

Wednesday Bible Study Series with the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr. *"Growing in Grace"*

7 p.m. via Facebook and YouTube



We speak a great deal about the life of grace, and God's mercy, forgiveness and salvation "by grace." Yet what does it mean to "grow in grace" as the good Apostle Peter counseled the early Christians? (II Peter 3:18) For 10 weeks, we will explore some key Christian beliefs, as well as various Christian disciplines, as one avenue of growing into a mature faith in Christ.

St. Martin's 20s & 30s

"Hot Topics"

7:30 p.m. via Zoom



What does Jesus have to say to us about today's relevant "hot" topics? How should followers of Jesus think and respond to a world so thoroughly divided over issues of politics, economics, sex and race? Join us as we examine how Jesus handled relevant issues in his own day.

For more information about Adult Christian Education,
email Katwana Coleman at kcoleman@stmartinespiscopal.org.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY, NOV. 1

Children's Sunday School



Children's Ministry has brand-new lessons, curriculum and content for both preschool and elementary school. We'll be sending out weekly emails with links to virtual Sunday school videos and parent leader guides.



For more information about Children's Ministry, email Holli Kight at hkight@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

7-1-7 STUDENTS

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 4

Life Groups

6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Middle School ID: #949 5175 4882

High School ID: #962 9273 1076



In an effort to encourage students to take an active role in our church life and participate more fully in our Sunday worship, Life Groups have been moved to Wednesday evenings 6:30–8 p.m. We will break out by groups for a time of study and discussion on biblical perspectives that guide our lives today.

For more information about 7-1-7 Students, email Student Ministries at students@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARY “A Fancy”

Peter Hurford

Mr. Kevin Riehle, Choral Director of Adult Choir

All stand following the greeting.

Begin on page 323 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *(BCP p. 245)*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. *(kneel)*

The Celebrant says the Collect

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

HYMN 293 (all verses)... "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

Jan Cornelius LeClair, Brennan Blankenship, Jeff Ragsdale,

Ben LeClair, Annamarie Zmolek and Patrick Perez

St. Martin's Parish Choir



1 I sing a song of the saints of God,
2 They loved their Lord so dear, and
3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are



pa - tient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and
his love made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for
hund - reds of thou - sands still, the world is bright with the



lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And
Je - sus' sake, the whole of their good lives long. And
joy - ous saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can



one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep -
one was a sold - ier, and one was a priest, and one was slain
meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains,



herd - ess on the green: they were all of them saints of
by a fierce wild beast; and there's not an - y rea - son—
or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of God are just



God— and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
no, not the least, why I should-n't be one too.
folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

Words: Lesbia Scott (1898–1986), alt.; Music: *Grand Isle*, John Henry Hopkins (1861–1945).

THE LESSONRevelation 21:1–6a

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.


HYMN 688 (vs. 1) "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -



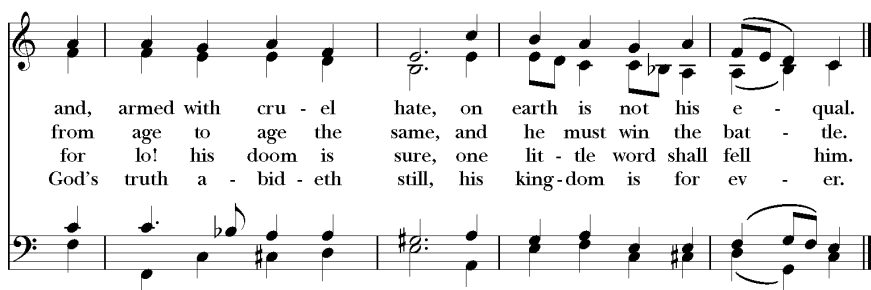
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of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing; for still our an - cient foe
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doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,
 Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sa - ba - oth his Name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bo - dy they may kill:



Words: Martin Luther (1483–1546); tr. Frederic Henry Hedge (1805–1890); based on Psalm 46; Music: *Ein feste Burg*, melody Martin Luther (1483–1546); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750).

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPELJohn 11:32–44

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
 People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

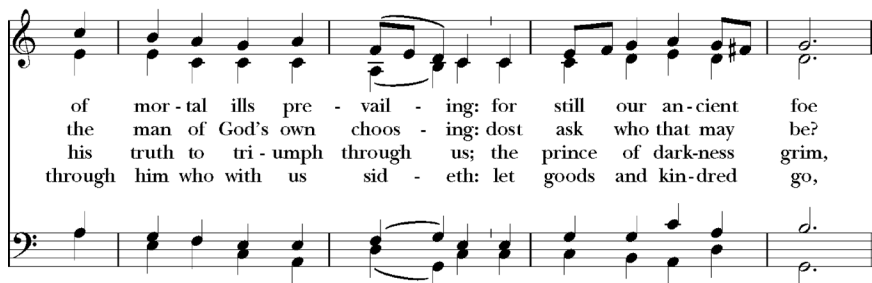
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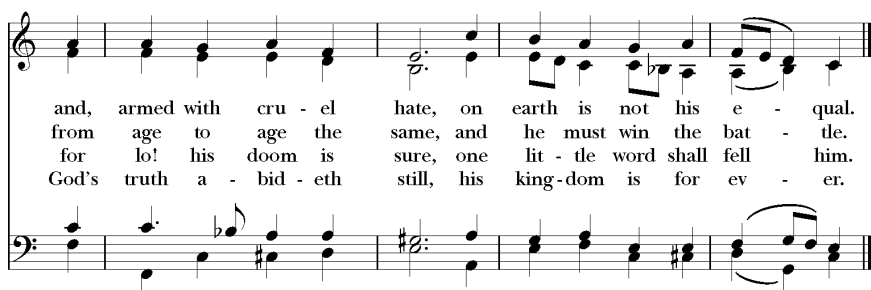
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THE SERMON “Who Gets Your Vote?”
The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.

THE NICENE CREED (*BCP p. 327*) (*stand*)

Celebrant and People

I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of his Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father;
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation
 came down from heaven,

and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the
Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to
the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father,
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped
and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy catholic and
apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission
of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*BCP p. 387,
Form III*) (*kneel*)

Minister and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for thy holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve thee;
That thy Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for our Anglican Communion; for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin; for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; for our Bishops, Andy, Jeff, Kai and Hector; for all bishops, priests and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in thy sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise thee for thy saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

For Donald, our President, Greg, our Governor, Sylvester, our Mayor and the Congress and the Courts; for all who serve in our armed forces and their families; we pray for peace throughout the world, and especially in the Middle East; and we pray for the victims of terror attacks; and we remember before you, and pray for the protection of our Christian brothers and sisters who face danger or persecution for their faith; and we pray for victims of all natural disasters, especially those impacted by the recent hurricanes in the gulf and all those affected by the wildfires in the west. We pray for the safety of all law enforcement agents, firefighters,

paramedics and all first responders who provide security and protection to the citizens they serve. We continue to pray for the many people who have contracted the coronavirus; for those in isolation, those who have lost their job or their business, and for all those in our communities involved in ministering to the sick, especially for all health care workers; and we pray for those in the hospitals; and those for whom our prayers have been requested__; and for those on our Continuing Prayer List; and for all the blessings of this life, especially those remembered today with Altar flowers__; and we remember before you the departed especially__; we give thanks for their lives and pray for their loved ones left behind.

I invite your own prayers and intercessions.

A period of silence, during which people may add their own petitions quietly or in the privacy of their hearts.

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect (BCP p. 394)

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Minister says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Minister and People (BCP p. 331)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Priest stands and says (BCP p. 332)

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *(stand)*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

ALL SAINTS' DAY



painting by Fra Angelico

Today, Nov. 1, is All Saints' Day.

It is believed by many scholars that the commemoration of all the saints on November first originated in Ireland, spread from there to England, and then to the continent of Europe. That it had reached Rome and had been adopted there early in the ninth century is attested by a letter of Pope Gregory the Fourth, who reigned from 828 to 844, to Emperor Louis "the Pious," urging that such a festival be observed throughout the Holy Roman Empire.

However, the desire of Christian people to express the intercommunion of the living and the dead in the Body of Christ by a commemoration of those who, having professed faith in the living Christ in days past, had entered into the nearer presence of their Lord, and especially of those who had crowned their profession with heroic deaths, was far older than the early Middle Ages. Gregory Thaumaturgus (the "Wonder Worker"), writing before the year 270, refers to the observance of a festival of all martyrs, though he does not date it. A hundred years later, Ephrem the Deacon mentions such an observance in Edessa on May 13; and the patriarch John Chrysostom, who died in 407, says that a festival of All Saints was observed on the first Sunday after Pentecost in Constantinople at the time of his episcopate. The contemporary lectionary of the East Syrians set a commemoration of all the saints on Friday in Easter week. On May 13, in the year 610, the Pantheon in Rome—originally a pagan temple dedicated to "all the gods"—was dedicated as the Church of St. Mary and All Martyrs.

Lesser Feasts and Fasts

*St. Martin's remembers with prayer those who have
departed this life since last All Saints' Day*

Gail Harrison	L. Henry Gissel	Bill Pieper
Anderson	Jaime Gomez	James Pieper
Carol Ansel	Linda Grant	W. Craig Plumbhoff
Ursula Aston	Myrna Harlan	Mary Louise Presley
Fredda Black	Mary Louise Harrison	Lynn Rafferty
Bonnie Ruth Blair	Adele Hart	Carol Rawl
Katy Branch	Helen Harvin	Lorene Riedell
David Bristol	Don Heiman	Sara-Eve Ronald
Kathleen Brown	J. David Holcomb	Marilyn Sanders
William Brown	Shirley Hopkins	Roger Sargent
Michael Burbach	Jan Horton	Dorothy Schleider
Patti Carlton	Maurice Isaac	Eugene Schwinger
Dunbar Chambers, Jr.	Larry Jaeger	Bebe Selig
Ernest Charles	Laura Jones	John Sellingsloh
Barbara Chiles	Raymond King	Ricardo Sepulveda
Dr. Henri "Hal"	Doris Konduros	Shirley Sinclair
Clarke	George Kurk	William Smith
Calvin Class	Jesus Leonides	Cheves Smythe
Constance Colley	Thomas Lisenby	Doris Solomon
Paige Compton	Phyllis Litchenberg	Walter Taber
Alan Craft	Peggy Littell	Matthew Thanheiser
Winston	Mabel Loflin	Janice Therrien
Cunningham	Court Loomis	George Thomas
Fred Curry	Tommi Martin	Lloyd Thornton
Robert Dabney	Max Mazy, Jr.	Chuck Valdez
Rosendo Delgado	Lance McFaddin	Mary Catharine
Harold DeMoss	Katie McGready	Vander Naillen
Dick Dent	Cassie McKowen	Paula Vuyk
Paul DeVerter	Jimmy Morgan	Glenrose Wadsworth
Anna DuTerroil	Ron Morris	Richard Watt
Elizabeth Dwyer	Glenn Naskrent	Kathryn West
Jim Dyer	John Nelson	Victoria Westbrook
Laurie Lee Ellison	Richard Nelson, Jr.	Brad Westmoreland
Jane Leister Elwood	Carolyn Staman	Craig White
Henry Eversole	Ogilvie	Priscilla White
Eugenia Foster	David Ohling	Johanna Williamson
Bonita Fraser	Henry Osborne	Medora "Dodie"
Ann Jones Gates	Helen Parnell	Wooldridge
Thomas Gholson	Robert Perkins	Bernice Yelich
James Gillen	Sally Piana	



OPEN FOR PRAYER ON ELECTION DAY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3
NOON–4 P.M.

While St. Martin's will not be a polling place this year, doors to The Church will be open on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3, allowing individuals to come pray. There is not a formal service, and reservations will not be required. St. Martin's standard safety practices including wearing masks and social distancing will be in effect. *In addition, the Wayside Chapel will continue to be open round the clock for those whose schedules require more flexibility.* All are welcome.

HOT TOPICS

Wednesdays | 7:30 p.m. | via Zoom

Meeting ID: 99529163038

What does Jesus have to say to us about today's relevant "hot" topics? How should followers of Jesus think and respond to a world so thoroughly divided over issues of politics, economics, sex and race? Join the 20s & 30s as we examine how Jesus handled relevant issues in his own day.

November 4	Politics
November 11	Economics
November 18	Sex

November 25
December 2

No Meeting (Thanksgiving)
Race

For more information, contact Katwana Coleman at 713-830-4110 or kcoleman@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



VETERANS DAY SERVICE



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

7 P.M. | VIA YOUTUBE AND FACEBOOK

St. Martin's salutes the many military men and women of our Parish who have served our country. Please join us for this very special first virtual Veterans Day Observance, a service honoring our veterans at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, via YouTube and Facebook. Look for links to the service on our website that day. The evening service will include patriotic music, anthems, readings, prayers, messages and greetings from special friends and dignitaries.

They include:

- The Episcopal Bishop of the Armed Services the Rt. Rev. Carl Wright;
- Lieutenant General Rick Lynch, U.S. Army, Ret.;
- Admiral William H. McRaven, U.S. Navy, Ret.;
- Tracey Woolie Cernan, daughter of the late astronaut Captain Eugene A. Cernan, U.S. Navy and the last man on the moon;
- Our Parishioners, The Honorable and Mrs. James A. Baker, III.;
- Gary Sinese, actor and humanitarian and founder of The Gary Sinese Foundation;
- And a special message from President George W. Bush read by his brother, Mr. Neil Bush, chairman of the Points of Light board of directors.



Gifts for Christ Chapel

As construction moves ahead at a brisk pace on campus, parishioners have a number of opportunities to make special gifts in memory of or in thanksgiving for individuals in their lives. If you have an interest in subscribing Hallmark Silver Communion pieces for Holy Eucharist in Christ Chapel, or are interested in learning more about various opportunities with lasting impact for this and future generations, contact Carol Gallion at cgallion@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

MEN *of* **ST. MARTIN'S**

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY AND SPEAKER SERIES



NOVEMBER 5 • 7 A.M. • VIA ZOOM

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GUEST SPEAKER: Joe Madison

Director, Love People Not Pixels

Reservations are not required. For more information, contact the Rev. Chad Martin at 713-985-3842 or cmartin@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



Christmas Flowers

Remember a loved one with poinsettias decorating The Church at Christmas. All requests received by 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, will be included in the Christmas Flowers listing available in the worship booklets at all Christmas services. Any requests received after the deadline will be published in worship booklets in the weeks following Christmas. Make your flower dedication online at bit.ly/ChristmasAltarFlowers.

For more information, contact Beth Ollenburger at 713-830-4146 or bollenburger@stmartinsepicopal.org.



DEPELCHIN CHILDREN'S CENTER'S

PICK UP WISH LIST BAGS

9 a.m.–noon | Sunday, Nov. 15
Bagby Parish Hall Porte-cochère
Drive-through to pick up bags

Email outreach@stmartinsepicopal.org to reserve a gift sponsorship before Sunday, Nov. 15.

DROP OFF FILLED GIFT BAGS

by Tuesday, Dec. 1
DePelchin Children's Center
4815 Dickson Street

*Schedule drop off time at
<https://calendly.com/kpett-1/15min>*



For more information, please contact Outreach Ministries at 713-985-3811 or outreach@stmartinsepicopal.org.

THE *family table*

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8 p.m. | via Zoom



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THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “The Call”
Kevin Riehle

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath; Such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast; Such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes His guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move; Such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.

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AT THE PRESENTATION

DOXOLOGY *Old 100th*

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637–1711); Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?–1561?).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(BCP p. 340) (stand)*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Who, in the multitude of thy saints, hast compassed us about with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us; and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that fadeth now away.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Celebrant and People

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord
God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy
glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the
Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.

The Celebrant continues (BCP p. 341) (kneel)

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(BCP p. 336)*

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.



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PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS *(BCP p. 337)*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Celebrant says the Invitation. (BCP p. 338)

Please tell the priest administering Communion if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray. *(BCP p. 339)*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING *(BCP p. 339)*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the son and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Please be seated.

HYMN 287 (vs. 1 and 4)..... "For All the Saints"



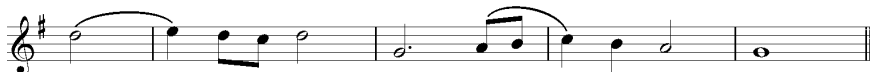
1 For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might:—
3 O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,—
4 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!—



thee— by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;—
fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and
We feeble - ly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet



Name, O— Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true Light.
win, with— them, the vic - tor's crown of gold.
all are— one in thee, for all are thine.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

SERMON NOTES

PRAYERS FOR OUR TIME

All prayers included are found in the Book of Common Prayer

FOR QUIET CONFIDENCE

O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray you, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR GUIDANCE

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light rises up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us to do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in your light we may see light, and in your straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR OUR COUNTRY

Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in you to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
AND ALL IN CIVIL AUTHORITY

O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to your merciful care, that, being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in your peace. Grant to the President of the United States, the Governor of this State, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in your fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

FOR CONGRESS OR A STATE LEGISLATURE

O God, the fountain of wisdom, whose will is good and gracious, and whose law is truth: We beseech you so to guide and bless our Senators and Representatives in Congress assembled and in the Legislature of this State, that they may enact such laws as shall please you, to the glory of your Name and the welfare of this people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR COURTS OF JUSTICE

Almighty God, who sits in the throne judging right: We humbly beseech you to bless the courts of justice and the magistrates in all this land; and give unto them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that they may discern the truth, and impartially administer the law in the fear of you alone; through him who shall come to be our Judge, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

FOR SOUND GOVERNMENT

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

Lord, keep this nation under your care.

To the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To Senators and Representatives, and those who make our laws in States, Cities, and Towns, give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name. For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Amen.

FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IN TIMES OF CONFLICT

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE POOR AND THE NEGLECTED

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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FOR OUR ENEMIES

O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR PEACE AMONG THE NATIONS

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

FOR THOSE WHO INFLUENCE PUBLIC OPINION

Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct, in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR AN ELECTION

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

FOR THE ANSWERING OF PRAYER

Almighty God, who has promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in your Son's Name: We beseech you mercifully to incline thine ear to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto you; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to your will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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